

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 1, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Conference in Frankfurt, Germany
- ☉ Young Families and Working Saints Retreat
- ☉ Truth Pursuit—Galatians

For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 3 & 4

Bible Reading

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Monday	469-470	31
Tuesday	471-472	32
Wednesday	473-474	33
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Friday	477-478	35
Saturday	479-480	36

Morning Revival

The Mending Ministry of John, Week 6

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Conference in Frankfurt, Germany (June 7-9)

Over two hundred attendants are expected from the German-speaking countries: Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The general subject of the conference will be "The Mending Ministry of John." Please pray that:

- ☉ The Lord will release the speaking of the word on the mending ministry of life.
- ☉ The new ones from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland will see a vision of the ministry of life in the Lord's recovery and be captured to take this way.
- ☉ The Lord will carry out the mending ministry of life among the churches in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland to mend the net and complete the building.

Irvine: Young Families and Working Saints Retreat (June 7)

- ☉ Pray for the Lord's shepherding in this time that the hearts of the saints attending will be cherished and nourished by the great Shepherd and that this time will result in much inciting "to love and good works" (Heb.10:24).

Truth Pursuit in the *Life-Study of Galatians*

- ☉ Pray for a renewed hunger in all the saints to get into the Word through the *Life-Study of Galatians* that we may experience the priestly service of Christ in His heavenly ministry to be trimmed of everything that frustrates the shining of the Lord's testimony and that we may be supplied with the oil of the Spirit for the shining of His testimony.

MINISTRY PORTION

GOD'S PLEASURE TO REVEAL HIS SON TO US

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The Son of God as the embodiment and expression of God the Father (John 1:18; 14:9-11; Heb. 1:3) is life to us (John 10:10; 1 John 5:12; Col. 3:4). The desire of God's heart is to reveal His Son in us that we may know Him, receive Him as our life (John 17:3; 3:16), and become the sons of God (John 1:12; Gal. 4:5-6). As the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16), Christ is far superior to Judaism and its traditions (Gal. 1:13-14). The Judaizers bewitched the Galatians so that they considered the ordinances of the law above the Son of the living God. Hence, the apostle in the opening of this Epistle testified that he had been deeply involved in that realm and far advanced in it. God, however, had rescued him out of that course of the world, which was evil in God's eyes, by revealing His Son in him. In his experience, Paul realized that there is no comparison between the Son of the living God and

Judaism with its dead traditions from his fathers.

In 1:16 Paul emphasizes the fact that the Son of God was revealed in him. This indicates that God's revealing of His Son to us is in us, not outwardly but inwardly; not by an outward vision but by an inward seeing. This is not an objective revelation; it is a subjective one.

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GOD'S SON VERSUS MAN'S RELIGION

In 1:13-16 we see the matter of God's Son versus man's religion. Verses 13 and 14 present a vivid picture of man's religion. In verse 13 Paul says, "For you have heard of my manner of life formerly in Judaism, that I persecuted the church of God excessively and ravaged it." Here we see a contrast between the Jewish religion and the church of God. When Paul was in Judaism, he persecuted the church because the church was different from his religion. Paul hated the church because it detracted from his religion. In his religious zeal, he persecuted the church of God excessively and ravaged it.

In verse 14 Paul goes on to say, "And I advanced in Judaism beyond many contempo-

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Upcoming Events

⊗ Saturday, June 7

One Day Retreat for Young Families and Working Saints

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

⊗ This Week

1ST ⊗ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

3RD ⊗ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

4TH ⊗ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting at MCC Anaheim
and simulcast at Hall 3

5TH ⊗ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

6TH ⊗ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

7TH ⊗ 6:00pm Young people's
Saturday dinner and meeting

8TH ⊗ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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raries in my race, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.” The traditions here were those in the sect of the Pharisees, to which Paul belonged. He called himself “a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee” (Acts 23:6). The Jewish religion was composed not only of the God-given law and its rituals, but also of man-made traditions. Because Paul was so zealous for the traditions of his fathers, he became a leading religionist and advanced beyond many of his contemporaries.

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—*Life Study of Galatians*, Message 3

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND WORKING SAINTS—JUNE 7

Registration is open to all young families and working saints from roughly the age of 23 to early 40s for the one day retreat on Saturday, June 7, 2014. The retreat will be held at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center (in the Irvine Regional Park) from 10am-5pm. Costs will be \$20 for families (with kids); \$15 for couples (without kids); and \$10 for singles. Full children's service will be provided during the fellowship times. Additional details are available on the brochure that was distributed in the district meetings.

To help plan for food and children's service, and since space may be limited, please register by June 1 by filling out the Google Form sent to you directly via email. If you have any questions or need help in registering, please email us at IrvineYWS@gmail.com.

Since this is the first retreat for this age group, we hope that as many as possible can set aside the time to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ Summer School of Truth in Irvine

The 2014 Summer School of Truth will be held at Hall 1 in Irvine this year from July 14-July 26. You can register at IrvineYP.com.

⊗ Summer Bible Camp (July 28-August 2)

This year's Summer Bible Camp will take place from 7/28-8/2/14. We need many to serve as well as many to pray for the SBC. We need much participation to carry out this special week and encourage all parents and burdened saints to join our coordination times at Hall 1. We will be meeting the following times:

TODAY from 3:30-4:30pm
June 22 from 2:30-3:30pm
July 13 from 3:30-4:30pm

July 27 from 3:30-4:30pm

⊗ 100 Days of the Apostle Paul—Bible Reading Challenge

Today is Day 57 and we are past the halfway point! We will continue our one-chapter-a-day pace for the next 43 days to complete all of Paul's writings. If you have been reading along with us, be encouraged and keep pressing on! If you have fallen behind or haven't yet joined us, just jump on board today as we begin reading Philippians Chapter 1. We encourage the whole church to participate and enjoy reading the Word together with the young people.